

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

April 27, 2012

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists held a meeting on Friday, April 27, 2012, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D., President
Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D., Vice President
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
A. Melton Strozier Jr., Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist
Shondra Chester, Licensure Analyst (oral examinations only)
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor (oral examinations only)

Dr. Sauls, Chair, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:00 a.m.

Board Announcements:

- New Board Members Oath of Office:
 - Dr. Melton Strozier Jr., PSY001162 of Macon, GA. was sworn into office
- Board Member Re-Appointments:
 - Dr. Donald Meck was reappointed to the Board

Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2012, meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondence(s) received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Dr. Barbara Calhoun, Dr. Christie Anderson, Dr. Megan O'Reilly and Dr. Joseph Dix

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Request:

- Dr. Erika Czerwinski, Rule 510-2-.05 (4) (a)(1)

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

- Dr. Kathryn Lawson, Rule 510-3-.02 (a) (7)

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed with the Board the revisions to Georgia's Open Records and Open Meetings Act.
2. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board that the 2012 renewal cycle will go "live" in the next couple of weeks. If the Professional GA Association (GPA) wish to place a notice on their website or in newsletters with regard to the new GA law requiring a Secure and Verifiable Document that must be submitted with each renewal and/or new application the Board would appreciate it.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

GPA Liaison Report:

The GPA Liaison report was presented to the Board by Dr. Barbara Calhoon.

- Dr. Calhoon notified the Board that at the annual meeting, Dr. Linda Campbell was the recipient of GPA's President's Award. The award was granted to Dr. Campbell for all of her dedication and hard work on GPA's Policies and Procedures.

Rule Discussion Continued:

The Board will continue discussing possible amendments to Rule 510-5-.08 Forensic Assessment at the next scheduled meeting.

The Board discussed possible revisions to Chapter 510-8 Continuing Education Requirements. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

Executive Session:

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), §43-1-2-(k) (3) (4), §50-14-2(1) and §43-1-2 (k) (4) to deliberate on applications, oral examinations, complaints, and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's and Cognizant reports. Voting in favor of the motion were Sauls, Campbell, Doverspike, Meck, Melton and Grammer

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 27, 2012, Dr. Saul's declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. N.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. L.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. M.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. J.S. | Approved to sit for exam |

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Endorsement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. A.B. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. M.C. | Approved to sit for the oral exam & GA Laws & Rules |
| 3. C.R. | Pending full Board oral exam |
| 4. G.H. | Approved to sit for the oral exam & GA Laws & Rules |
| 5. A.P. | Approved to sit for the oral exam & GA Laws & Rules |
| 6. M.P. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 7. R.S. | Approved to sit for the oral exam & GA Laws & Rules |
| 8. T.W. | Pending, must retake EPPP |
| 9. C.V. | Approved to sit for the oral exam & GA Laws & Rules |

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. G.S. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
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Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants completing the Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Ames-Dennard, Sharon | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Awosika, Christopher | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Fernandez-Carriba, Sam | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Hunter, Candace | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Reba-Harrelson, Lauren | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Vitacco, Linda | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Wall, Alysa | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Wise, Marcie | Approved for licensure |

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Assistant Attorney General, Graham Barron provided the Board with a status report which included information on any cases referred for action.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

Dr. Meck updated the Board on the status of all open complaint cases.

Complaint cases closed; no additional action required:

- PSYC120013, PSYC120019, PSYC120030, PSYC120037, PSYC120041, PSYC120045, PSYC120047, PSYC120049, PSYC120051 and PSYC120053

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- PSYC120031, PSYC120043, PSYC120046, PSYC120048, PSYC120050, PSYC120052, PSYC120056 and PSYC120057
- PSYC120044-Dr. Meck is recused from this complaint case.
- PSYC120054-Dr. Meck is recused from this complaint case

Complaint cases referred to/Pending with AG's Office:

- PSYC070051, PSYC090029, PSYC090048, PSYC100028, PSYC120025 and PSYC120042

Complaint Cases referred to Investigations:

- PSYC120029 and PSYC120035

Complaint cases pending an Investigative Interview:

- PSYC120055

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, Dr. Meck recused on two complaints, motion carried.

There being no further business, Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 3:32 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Dr. Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D.

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These minutes were approved on: May 25, 2012